



The Frederick Law Olmsted  
Society of Riverside

# Reflections On Riverside

## 2012 Student Poetry Contest

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society invites Riverside-area students in grades 1-8 to submit their original “Reflections on Riverside” to our 2012 Student Poetry Contest.

### DEADLINE

Entries must be post-marked by April 30, 2012.

### THEME

Poetry of any length or style which must reflect, or encourage reflection, upon any of Riverside’s natural spaces.

### RULES

1. Poems must be the student’s original work, created for this contest. Poems previously published, in print or on-line, are ineligible.
2. Poems must be typed on letter-sized (8.5" x 11") paper. Elementary school students may receive adult assistance with typing.
3. A completed Entry Form must be paper-clipped to the back of the poem.
4. Poems must be free of student names/identifying information.
5. One entry per student will be accepted. Entries will not be returned.

### CRITERIA

Time should be spent outside in Riverside’s landscape for inspiration, though specific identifiers (“Riverside,” “Swan Pond,” etc.) are not required. Judging is based on: Strength of Theme (10), Appropriateness of Title (5), Meter/Rhythm (25), Originality (25), Clarity and Tone (20), Suitability of Verse Style for Subject (10) and Spelling and Grammar (5).

### PRIZES

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society will award:

\$25 to the winner from each participating Elementary (multiple).

\$50 to the winner at the Junior High level (single).

Family members of poetry contest judges are not eligible for cash awards.

Poems of the winners and runners-up may be featured in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Newsletter and on its Website, [www.olmstedsociety.org](http://www.olmstedsociety.org).

All entries shall be published in professionally-bound volumes to be maintained in the Olmsted Collection and in the Local Authors Section of the Riverside Public Library.